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REMARKS

Applicants' thank the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss the claimed subject during a telephonic interview on February 2, 2004. This amendment is responsive to the telephonic interview with the Examiner on February 2, 2004. Claims 1-3 and 6-18 are currently pending in the application. This amendment amends Claim 11 to clarify the claimed subject matter to allow one skilled in the art to more fully appreciate Applicants' claimed invention. This amendment further cancels Claims 19-29 without prejudice to Applicants filing one or more divisional applications. These amendments present no new matter and they present no new issues and hence, require no further search. In view of the amendments made above and the comments set forth below, Applicants' respectfully urge the Examiner to reconsider the outstanding rejection and pass the claims to allowance.

Claim Amendments:

This amendment cancels Claims 19-29 without prejudice, which were withdrawn in response to a Restriction Requirement, and amends Claim 11 to ensure allowance of Claims 11-18. The amendment to Claim 11 clarifies the recitation of a first value and is not expressly directed to any art rejection.

Drawing Amendments:

In addressing the Examiner's previous rejection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) Applicants' introduced a drafting error into amend Figure 2. Applicants amend by this supplemental preliminary amendment reference designation "21" in Figure 2 to read "31" to correct the drafting error and bring Figure 2 in conformity with the specification.

Claim Rejections:

Applicants note with appreciation the indication by the Examiner during the telephonic interview of February 2, 2004, of allowable subject matter in Claims 1-3 and 6-18. Accordingly, Applicants understand that the arguments and amendments presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed on October 17, 2003, fully and completely addressed

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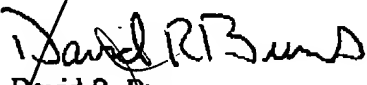
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any prior claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, 102, and 103. If Applicants understanding is not accurate, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact their representative identified below to clarify any inaccuracy.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants' contend that Claims 1-3 and 6-18, as amended, are presently pending in this application, are patentable and in condition for allowance. If the Examiner deems there are any remaining issues, we invite the Examiner to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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